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1. DISCUSSION OF DATE FOR NAC CONSULTATION ON LOS AT
PERMREPS LUNCH AND IN POLADS FEBRUARY 21 REVEALED THAT:

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--EC NINE LOS LEGAL EXPERTS WILL MEET MARCH 9 AND LOS
DELEGATION HEADS MARCH 10 IN BRUSSELS;

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--ITALIANS STRONGLY PREFER MARCH 9 FOR NAC, AND A FEW
OTHER LOS DELEGATION HEADS OF THE NINE MIGHT ALSO FIND
THAT DATE MOST CONVENIENT;

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--FRENCH HAVE PROBLEM WITH MARCH 7

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--UK CAN ACCEPT EITHER MARCH 6 OR 7 (AND TELL US PRIVATELY
BILATERALS WITH US CAN BE HELD IN LONDON MARCH 7 IF CON-
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VENIENT FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON)

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--MOST DELEGATIONS COULD ACCEPT MARCH 6 OR 7 DATE, AND
SOME PREFER MARCH 6 INCLUDING NORWEGIANS (EVENSEN);

2. POLADS WILL DISCUSS MATTER FEBRUARY 23. AFTER CHECKING
WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS, WE BELIEVE WESHOULD PRESS FOR

AGREEMENT ON MARCH 6 DATE (WITH MARCH 7 AS FALLBACK) SINCE ONLY ITALIANS APPEAR TO HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH MARCH 6. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION THAT MARCH 6 IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. ON AGENDA, DUTCH POLAD SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED LIMITED NUMBER OF POINTS SHOULD BE COVERED INCLUDING MILITARY USE OF ECONOMIC ZONE. DANISH POLAD SUGGESTED PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND FINAL CLAUSES. OTHERS NOTED SACLANT HAD RAISED USEFUL POINTS (REF B). CANADIAN POLAD SAID HIS AUTHORITIES QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR NATO CONSULTATION AND REVIEW OF POINTS RAISED BY SACLANT. (CANADIANS TOLD US PRIVATELY THEY RECEIVED FIVE PAGE CABLE ON WHY THE CONSULTATION WAS NOT NEEDED, BUT THEY ARE REPORTING TO OTTAWA STRONG INTEREST OF OTHERS ON THIS SUBJECT.) POLADS WILL RETURN TO QUESTION OF AGENDA FEBRUARY 23. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON AGENDA. GLITMAN

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